BOT scheme for constructing expressway

1005. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding the proposed construction of expressway in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether the Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) scheme has been involved in the construction of expressway; and

(c) if so, the details of the expressways constructed under BOT?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) The programme for construction of Expressways in the country has not been finalized.

(b) National Highways Authority of India had set-up a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) Company on Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) basis for completion of only National Expressway No. 1 *i.e.* Ahmedabad-Vadodara Expressway.

(c) 93 km long Ahmedabad-Vadodara Expressway, designated as National Expressway-1 has been completed in two phases. In Phase-I, 43 km long expressway was completed in January, 2003. In Phase-II, 50 km long expressway has been completed in June, 2004. The total expenditure on the project up to 30th June, 2004 is Rs. 718 crore.

Banning of older vehicles on roads

1006. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering banning all motor vehicles which are more than fifteen years old from playing on the roads;

(b) if so, the details and the objective of the proposal; and

(c) whether it is proposed to exempt owners of such vehicles from payment of Excise Duty on purchase of new vehicles and if so, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) No, Sir.